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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

Against unlawful Intruders into Churches and Manses in *Scotland*.

ANNE R.

ANNE, *by the Grace of God,* Queen *of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c. *To Our Lyon King at Arms and his Brethren, Heralds, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially Constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch as We are Informed, That in divers Places of that part of Our Kingdom of* Great Britain *called* Scotland, *there are several Persons, who, contrary to Law and the Constitution of the Established Church there, Intrude upon Churches and Manses, without any Legal Call or Admission thereto; And We being fully Resolved to Maintain and Support the present Establish'd Church in that part of Our said Kingdom, in all its Rights and Privileges, according to the several Acts of Parliament made in favour thereof, and particularly the Act for Securing the Protestant Religion, and Presbyterian Church Government, Declared to be a Fundamental and Essential Condition of the Treaty of Union, as also, it being Our Royal Pleasure to Give all just Encouragement and Protection to Our good Subjects the Ministers of the said Church in all the Immunities and Liberties by Law belonging to them, Conform to the Repeated Assurances given by Us on several Occasions; And We Considering, what an High Contempt of the Law, and of what Dangerous Consequence such Intrusions are, tending so much to the Disturbing of Our Government, and Disquiet of Our good Subjects, the Principal Actors in these Irregular and Disorderly Courses, for the most part being Supported by Factious Persons Disaffected to Our Person and Government; And it being Our Purpose to settle the Quiet and Peace of the Establish'd Church in that part of Our Dominions: Therefore We, with Advice of Our Privy-Council, think fit to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, Requiring and Commanding, likeas We hereby Require and Command all such as have Intruded upon Churches or Manses to Remove from the said Churches and Manses, hereby Ordaining and Commanding Our Officers of the Law, Sheriffs, Stuards, Baillies of Bailliaries, Lords and Baillies of Regalities and their Deputs, and all Magistrates of Burghs Royal, all Justices of the Peace, Lords Commissioners of Our Justiciary, to Cause Remove the said Intruders within their respective Jurisdictions, Conform to the Act of Parliament* July *the Fifth, One thousand six hundred ninety five, Intituled,* An Act against Intruding into Churches without a Legal Call and Admission thereto. *And further for Preventing the like Disorders for the future, We Require and Ordain all Our aforesaid Judges and Magistrates, particularly the Lords Commissioners of Our Justiciary, at their Circuits, or any other Meetings, to receive such Complaints as shall be offer'd to them against any Ministers Intruding into Churches or Manses, without a Legal Call and Admission thereto; Certifying all the Judges and Magistrates aforesaid, That a Diligent and Faithful Discharge of their Duty in Preventing and Punishing the aforesaid Disorders, shall be accounted Acceptable Service to Us: And We do also Expect and Require that they shall in their several Stations give all necessary Countenance and Assistance to Presbyteries and other Church-Judicatures in the Exercise of that Power and Jurisdiction, which by Law pertains to them, for Preventing and Suppressing these and the like Disorders. Our Will is therefore, and We strictly Charge you, That incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Market-Cross of* Edinburgh, *and to the remanent Market Crosses of the Head Burghs of the several Shires and Stuarties in* Scotland, *and in Our Name and Authority make Publication of the Premisses, that none may pretend Ignorance, and Ordain these Presents to be Printed, and Our Solicitors to Dispatch Copies thereof in the usual manner.*

Given at Our Court at *Windsor*, the Twentieth Day of *September*, in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Putting the Laws in Execution against Popery.

ANNE R.

ANNE, *by the Grace of God, Queen of* Great Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith,* &c. *to Our Lyon King at Arms and his Brethren, Heralds, Pursevants, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriff in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, Greeting. Forasmuch as notwithstanding of the many good Laws Made and Enacted from time to time by Our Royal Predecessors, for Suppressing Popery, and Preventing the Growth thereof, in that part of Our united Kingdom called* Scotland, *and notwithstanding of the Repeated Orders and Proclamations, which have been Emitted for Observing these Laws, and Putting them to due Execution, yet We are informed, that partly through the restless mischievous Practices and Indefatigable Pains of Seminary Priests and Trafficking Papists, and others the Abetters of the Romish Superstition, and partly through the neglect of the Execution of the aforesaid Laws and Orders, several parts of* Scotland *are still infested with the aforesaid Priests and Trafficking Papists, and others the Propagators of Popery, to the great Dishonour of God, and the manifest Prejudice of the true Reformed Protestant Religion, so happily by Law Establish'd, and also to the threatning of the Peace and Quiet of the Kingdom, and Disturbance of Our Government; And We considering how necessary it is to put a Stop to, and discharge all such Pernicious and Evil Practices, and to prevent the bad Consequences thereof, since it is unquestionable that these Missionaries from* Rome, *and their Abettors, not only pervert Our good Subjects from the Protestant Religion, but also from their Allegiance to Us, being notoriously disaffected to Our Person and Government; And We having nothing more before Our Eyes than the Glory of God, in Advancing the Interest of Religion, and preserving it in its Purity both in Doctrine and Practice, and as for that end We have lately emitted Our Royal Proclamation for the Encouragement of Piety and Virtue, and for the Preventing and Punishing of Vice, Prophaneness and Immorality, so We have now thought fit, with Advice of Our Privy-Council, to Issue this Our Royal Proclamation, Requiring and Commanding, likeas We do hereby Require and Command the Lords Justiciary, Sheriffs, Stuards, Lords, and Baillies of Regalities, and their Deputs, and all Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of Burghs, That with all Care and Diligence, they put the several Laws and Acts of Parliament against Popery, and against the said Priests and Trafficking Papists, and their Resetters, and others above-mention'd, to full and punctual Execution, by causing Seize and Apprehend all such Seminary Priests and Trafficking Papists and their Resetters, when and where ever they may be found within the Bounds of their respective Jurisdictions, as also by Suppressing all their Mass-houses and Meeting-houses in the strictest and surest manner: Which Priests and Trafficking Papists being Secured as said is, and upon Information of any of Our good Subjects Convicted, either before the Commissioners of Justiciary in their Circuits, or their other Meetings, or before the said Sheriffs, and other Magistrates in their respective Courts, or in the Quarter-Sessions of the said Justices of Peace, in the Way and Manner prescribed in the Third Act of Parliament of* Scotland, *Dated the Three and twentieth of* November, *One thousand seven hundred, Intituled,* An Act for Preventing the Growth of Popery, *are to be by them Banished forth of* Scotland, *with Certification, that if ever they return thereto, being still Papists, they shall be Punished with the Pain of Death, and which Certification if incurred shall take effect according to the Tenor and Appointment of the said Act; and to which Procedure and Judgment, the foresaid Commissioners of Justiciary, and all other Judges and Magistrates, are hereby expressly Authorized and Required, as fully as if they to Commissionated by Us and Our Privy-Council. And We being sensible of how great Advantage it may be for the Promoting the good Ends which We have before Us by this Our Proclamation, that Our good Subjects be Encouraged in the Searching*